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## Vilas County's Older Population

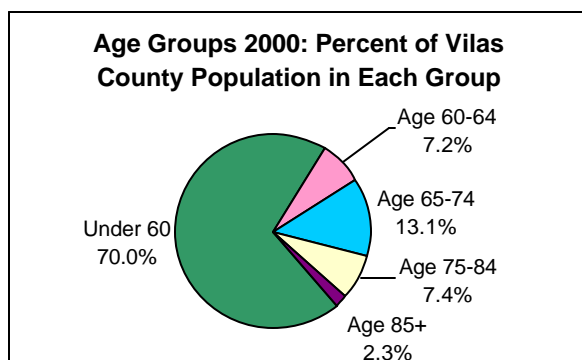
A summary of data from the U.S. Census, 2000

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### Population:

The proportion of people age 65 and older in Vilas County is much higher than that of the state as a whole (22.8% versus 13.1%). The rate of growth in the older population since 1990 has been much faster in this county than in the state as a whole (18.3% versus 7.9%). In all, 4,794 people in this county are age 65 or older, and 482 of these are age 85 or older. Vilas County's average (or median) age is 45.8 years, compared to a statewide median of 36.0 years.

Vilas County: Population and Change Since 1990						
	2000 Census		1990 Census		Change: 1990-2000	
	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total	Number	% Change
Total, All Ages	21,033		17,707		3,326	18.8%
Persons 60 and over	6,318	30.0%	5,340	30.2%	978	18.3%
Persons 65 and over	4,794	22.8%	4,051	22.9%	743	18.3%
Persons 85 and over	482	2.3%	352	2.0%	130	36.9%



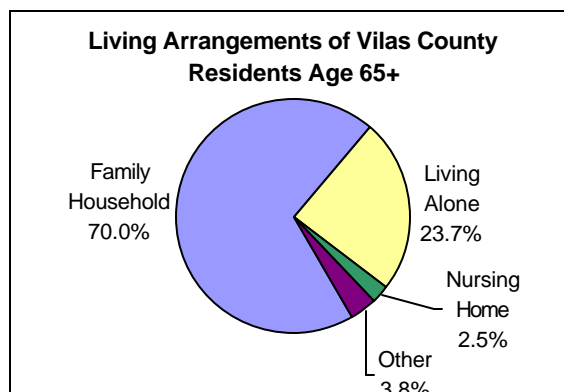
### Race:

A large majority (97.7%) of Vilas County's 65 and over population is white. On average, the county's minority groups are younger than whites. Vilas County African Americans have a median age of 27.6 years, and the median age of Hispanics/Latinos here is 23.5 years. Whites, in contrast, average 48.1 years.

### Living Arrangements:

Of the 9,066 households in Vilas County, 3,240 include at least one person age 65 or older (35.7% of all households). A total of 3,027 housing units in the county have a "household head" aged 65 or older, and 87.0% of these are owner occupied (the rest are rented).

A majority (70.0%) of the older population lives in "family households" containing at least two people related by blood or marriage, but another 23.7% of people 65 or older live alone. Of those older people in family households, 3.0% are living in the home of one of their children. A total of 118 people age 65 and older live in Vilas County nursing homes (2.5% of all those in this age group). A very small number of the county's older residents live in nonfamily households or in other institutions.



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**SOURCE:** U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000, Summary File 1.

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